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THE BROKEN PLEDGE.

ALL ATHLETES are usually put on a pledge by their coaches in training for any athletic event. This pledge keeps them from eating things that they should not, from drinking, and from smoking, all of which weaken the body.

Tom Robins, a student at Yale, had been the star football player of that college for three seasons, and would in a few days start the fourth season in a game with Harvard. He was very popular at the school and also had some enemies because of his popularity.

One day while he was reading in his own room some boys came running in with their coats stuffed with sweets, drinks, and cigarettes. At first Tom refused them, but finally was persuaded to join the feast. While Tom was smoking a cigarette, the door flew open, and in walked

During the first half of the game Tom stood in agony

the coach. What he said was brief, but he gave Tom to understand that he was barred from the next game. This was the greatest blow that Tom received while at school. He immediately dismissed the feast, and was not seen out of his room, except for recitations, until the day of the game.

on the side-line and watched Harvard score two touch-downs. He went to the coach at the end of the first half and persuaded him to allow him to play, promising that he would never break his pledge again. When the whistle blew for the second half, Tom ran on the field. He scored two touch-downs and kicked one field goal, winning the game by three points. The boys were so happy that they carried Tom on their shoulders all the way to his room.

The next day Tom went to the boys who were in his room when he broke the pledge and told them that he had found out all about the affair, and was willing to shake hands and take it as a joke. He also went to the coach and thanked him for allowing him to play, and gave him his word of honor never to do such a trick again. After this he had not an enemy in the whole college. He played the rest of the season with his usual success, but at the end of that season the sad time came. He graduated and left foot-ball forever to become a wealthy man practicing law.

Randlett Jones, '15.

THE DISOBEDIENT SINGER.

THERE WAS a widow in Philadelphia who had a very pretty daughter; the widow married the second time, and this gentleman was a good father to his step-daughter, but a very strict one. Wishing her to be well educated, and knowing that she had a sweet voice, he had her voice cultivated, by the most talented instructors. Later she gratuated in vocal and instrumental music, but her father did not wish her to play or sing in public.

Soon after she graduated, her step-father was called away to attend the convention of one of his lodges. While he was away a grand singer was expected to appear in one of the theatres at Philadelphia. When this singer arrived at the hotel, she was very ill and could not appear. The manager of the theatre was very much troubled and asked of the hotel manager if he could tell him of any one in the city who could take the singer's place. The hotel manager said that he knew of a young lady, Miss Violet Van, San who could take her place if her parents would allow her.

The manager called to see the young lady's mother, and her daughter begged so hard to be allowed to sing that the mother consented, as her husband was out of town. Eagerly she practised the piece which she was to sing that night. The audience was so delighted by her sweet singing that they gave her encore after encore.

Mr. Van San was taken sick at the convention and returned to Philadelphia. When he passed the theater,

he read the bill board, and seeing that a grand singer was expected that night, he went in.

Violet sang one more piece. When she was half way through, she saw her step-father in the audience. She trembled and could hardly finish singing because she knew that she had disobeyed him and he hated disobedience worse than anything else. The trembling of her voice caused by the fear of her step-father made her singing more beautiful. When she left the stage, he was at the door to meet her and exclaimed, "Violet, I thought you could sing beautifully, but you excelled tonight!"

Lucy A. Wood, '15.

A MIDNIGHT SCARE.

ONCE A CELEBRATED SINGER decided that she should like to visit her old country home: so she and her maid left the large city alone. Her friends had advised her not to go with just her maid, for as she was a very wealthy person, they were afraid that some terrible calamity might befall her. She would not listen to them, and thought them foolish to have such ideas.

She reached her home one bright and sunny morning, delighted to see the old homestead again. That night she went to bed without the least fear of any danger. About the middle of the night she was awakened by a noise in the back of the house. She sat up in bed and listened. As the noise became more distinct, she be-

came petrified with fear, and she now regretted that she had brought her jewels with her. Finally she awoke her maid and asked her if she had heard the noise too. The maid started to scream, but her mistress put her hand over her mouth before she could utter a sound, and told her to keep quiet or she might be killed. Suddenly the great singer thought of a means by which they might be saved. She commenced to sing. At first her voice was weak, but gradually it became stronger. She sang some old familiar tunes like *Home, Sweet Home.*

Not long afterwards she received this note:

"Dear Lady.

On the night of the——I entered your home to relieve you of all our diamonds, jewels, and money, but an angel song rang out in the sweet words of mother's songs, and my hand and heart were arrested; and I vowed never to do anything again that would bring sorrow to that sainted one.

I am now engaged in honest work.

God bless you!

——————"

Florence Stratton, '15.

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

All the large high schools of our State either have or are endeavoring to have a magazine. This is not only a splendid advertisement of the respective schools, but is especially a means of interesting and benefitting the pupils, and of familiarizing them with this kind of work. Thus in an earnest desire to have our high school and its work appreciated, several members of the faculty with a committee of pupils undertook to edit a monthly magazine which would be a credit to our school and of interest not only to the people of our city but to those of others also. This was intended to be a magazine of, from, and by the pupils; but under the direct supervision of the faculty. Last fall, a year ago, the first number of the "Missile" appeared and was enthusiastically received by those immediately connected with the school and by outsiders. But a magazine cannot be edited on enthusiasm alone, and our magazine has been for some time now in a continual state of financial embarassment. Appeal after appeal has been made, but with almost no response. Is this our school pride? Do we not realize that the

abandonment of our magazine will be a reflection on our school? Surely we are too proud of our high school to see her banner trailed in the dust and not make even the feeblest effort to prevent it. It now remains to the pupils of the school to decide whether our magazine can be successfully continned or whether we must give it up. Now, if you yourself, as an individual, are not enough interested to buy or sell these copies of the magazine, will you not look at it as a matter of school pride, and for the love you bear this school, of which you may be justly proud, do your best to support your magazine?

OUR LIBRARY.

We now have a real library in our school, not so large, it is true, but one that contains many books, necessary and helpful as references for the regular work of the students. Often in our text books we come across something which we would know more about and really should. This is the time to use the library. Go there, look up the subject, and if necessary carry the book home.

We have there books, the reading of which will give us credit in our English. Among the most useful to us are, Stevenson's works, Shakespeare's, and some of Scott's, which most of us are studying now. We are glad to see that we are gradually getting some science books and hope that in the future this department will be strengthened.

Besides the purely educational, the library also contains much that will help to pass a pleasant half-hour. The library was planned for us, given to us. Let us make use of it. Sit at its tables. Read its books, and show our appreciation by storing our minds with the culture it contains.

Exchange Department.

M. Francis Drewry, - - - *Editor.*

We are exceedingly glad that *The Oracle* has returned to us, and regret only that such a splendid magazine had failed to come to us for so many months. The Locals are very bright and the editorials are very sensible. Although poems are great additions to the literary department, their absence is entirely excusable in view of the fact that they are very hard to get.

The Training School Number of *The Focus* accomplishes it purpose, remarkably well. Probably, the length of the literary department, of which *A Child of the Forest* deserves the greatest praise, compels the other departments to be contracted. Do you not think it would be a good idea to treat all departments in proportion to their importance?

The Book-Strap is a very neat little paper, but the January issue is quite inappropriately called the New Year's Number. The poem, *Mackay*, is a wonderful production, and almost surpasses any other verse that we have received in a high school magazine.

The February number of *The Chronicle* is not so good as usual. Your literary department demands special attention, but the editorials are unusually well selected.

The Southern Number of *The Critic* is almost beyond criticism. The splendid idea of devoting an issue to our beloved South is carried out in an entertaining and delightful way. We may easily say that the Critic is among the foremost on our list of exchanges.

The Record is a genuine high school magazine, good and interesting. Both *The Championship* and *What Bill Found* are splendid stories, and *The Goal of Life* is a most beautifully expressed essay. All the departments are well proportioned and well arranged, but the school, exchange, and the alumni notes need a few additions. The editorial is one of the best we have read this month. We wish to congratulate you upon having so a practical an editor.

The Pennant:—Your mid-year number is charmingly written and intensely interesting. Even an outsider must enjoy the accounts of the "Seven Bachelor Maids," and it need not be said that the sketches of the graduates are delightful. We have no regrets about this issue except the omission of some of your departments.

We wish to acknowled further *The World*, *The Review*, and *William and Mary Literary Magazine*, all of which always contain the very best reading matter and are almost above criticism from cover to cover. The first of these is especially attractive on account of the beautiful art work, and we are truly sorry that the former staff is retiring, but we hope that the succeeding one will not let the standard drop. Of the remaining magazines we must say a word concerning the excellent stories. In this respect they are close rivals and rank high with other literary productions.

School Notes.

The school has recently decided to devote Wednesday of each week to the study of some author. Miss Dargan and Miss Myers have charge of this, and we feel sure that the school will derive much benefit from this literary work. The following are some of the interesting programs on Scott, which have been given during the past month.

"Draw the Sword, Scotland" . . . . . The School.
Explanation of the passage to be read from "Marmion" . . . . . Mr. Rich. Patterson.
The Speech of Constance just before she is condemned to be buried alive .. . . . . Miss McCaleb.
Allen-a-Dale . . . . . Miss Talbott.
Soldiers' Chorus . . . . . The School.

II.

"Bonnie Dundee" . . . . . The School.
"Lochinvar" . . . . . Mr. Ribble.
The Quarrel between Marmion and Douglas, Mr. Stribling
"Killarney" . . . . . The School.

III.

The Lay of the Last Minstrel.

Familiar Passages.

The Introduction . . . . . Miss Roper.
The Lament for the Minstrels . . . . . Mr. Guy Jones.
Patriotism .. . . . . Mr. Wyatt.
Melrose Abbey . . . . . Miss Ramsey.
The Novels of Scott . . . . . Miss Hall.

IV.

Sonnet by Wordsworth . . . . . Miss Stribling.
The Character of Scott . . . . . Miss Dillon.

Miss D: "Who was Anne Hathaway?"

Miss L: "The son of a prosperous farmer."

During the past month the High School has been favoured with a number of short addresses by the following speakers:

Dr. McClure, of the Second Presbyterian Church; Mr. Gregory, of the Blandford Methodist Church; Dr. Bryan, of Grace Church; and Mrs Simons.

In the IIIB German class Mr. A. translated "Wie befinded Sie sich," "How sick are you ?"

Miss M: "Miss B, make a sentence using 'chess' as the subject."

Miss B: "My chess aches."

In one of the compositions of the IB class were found the following sentences: "Ellen told Fitz to get in the boat which he roared across the lake in a few strokes." "He went to her house for the night which was decorated with skins and furs."

Most girls are frightened by such creatures as mice,

but a certain young lady of IIIB screamed for help the other day when a harmless little lady-bug presented itself to her view.

Mr. Potts, in IVA English, describing the Knight in Chaucer's *Prologue* said, "He did not have a bad reputation."

Mr. W: "How many examples did you get, Miss P?"
Miss P: "Three . . . . . with Miss G.'s help."
Mr. W: "How many without Miss G.'s help?"
Miss P: "Two."
Mr. W: "Then she only helped you on one?"
Miss P: "Yes, but Mr. Smithey showed me the others."

On the eleventh of this month Mr. Dandridge, of St. Paul's Church, read to the school an interesting sketch of the life of David Livingston.

A new theory in regard to punctuation has been recently produced by one of the most promising bookkeepers of IIIB. He spoke of punctuating dollars and cents.

The teachers of IA have at last found a means of telling the difference between the Scoggin twins: they wear different neckties.

The programs on current events given during the past month are as follows:

IVA.

The Rise and Fall of Madero . . . . . Miss Drewry.
An Interview with Diaz . . . . . Miss Gilliam.
The Heroic Conduct of the Balkan Women . Miss Avent.
Questions on Current Events . . . . . Miss Talbott

IIIB.

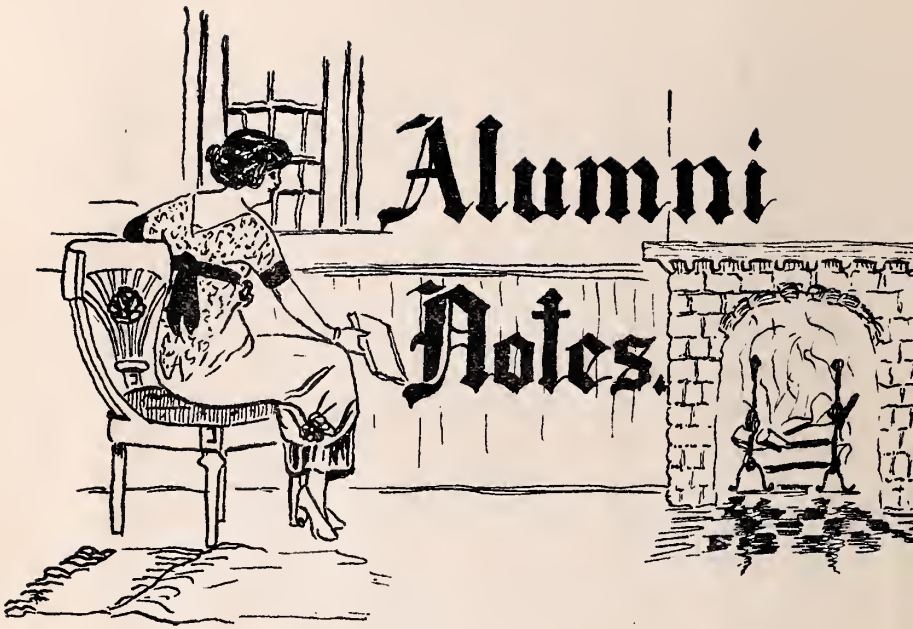
The Recent Meeting of the Council . . . . Mr. Young.
A Week in Congress . . . . . Miss Walke.

A New Party . . . . . Mr. Guy Jones
The Situation in Europe . . . . . Mr. Camp.
Matters of Interest in our own Country . . Miss Riddle.
Recent Excavations in Pompeii . . . . . Miss Allgood.

IB.

Our President . . . . . Mr. Maclin.
Our Vice-President . . . . . Mr. Elliott.
A Brief Summary of Mr. Wilson's
Inaugural Address . . . Mr. Jolliff.
Virginia's Sons who have been
chosen Presidents . . Miss Donnan.
The New Cabinet . . . . . Mr. Booth.

The faculty and pupils of the High School have this month enjoyed a very unusual pleasure and one for which we are deeply grateful. On Wednesday, the twelfth of March, we had with us Mr. Frank H. Wright, an Indian evangelist and the son of a Choctaw chief. He came to us with a divine message and delivered it in his forceful way, so indicative of his deep piety and great power. His text was, Holding faith and a good conscience: "which some having put aside concerning faith have made shipwreck"—I Timothy, 1-29—and after the address he sang "Loyalty to Christ." Accompanying Mr. Wright was his efficient co-worker, Mr. Walter E. Good, who sang the "Sparrow Song" for us and thrilled our hearts with his sweet, beautiful music. Miss Mary Patteson played the piano accompaniment, and Rev. Charles R. Stribling introduced the speaker. To many of us this was the first time we had ever heard the gospel from the lips of an Indian, and it was a time of great pleasure and a profit to us all.



BEATRICE M. COLEMAN, - - - *Editor.*

Fannie Constable, of the class '10, is working for the Seward Trunk and Bag Co., as is also Archer Chappelle, '09.

Frank Buchanan, of class '13, has accepted a position in Norfolk, Va.

Grace Allgood is teaching music.

Pretlow Riddick is working for the Southern Express Company.

Sallie Jackson, 10' has gone to Epps, Va., to spend the winter.

Whitney Kinsey and Wilson Pugh are working at the Virginia National Bank.

Lucille Cousin, of class of '09, is teaching at the Sixth Ward School.

Joseph Routten is attending the A. & M. College.

Elizabeth Patteson, '11, was recently married to Chas. Romaine, of Orlando, Florida.

Berkley Peebles, of the class of '10, is now a student at West Point Academy.

Several of the February graduates are back at P. H. S. again, taking post-graduate courses. They are: Nellie Seabury, Helen Thomas, Helen Allgood, Robert Butcher, Russell Perkinson, and Harry Pillow.

Athletics

On the evening of March the eighth our relay teams journeyed to Richmond to attend the Richmond College-Blues' track meet. The first team ran in a three cornered event with John Marshall High School and Benedictine College. Our team ran a very hard race and finished second, John Marshall beating us at the tape by a few yards. The "Midget" relay finished third in an event with John Marshall High and Richmond Academy. It may be said, however, that the Midgets (?) of the two Richmond schools looked more like *first* team "subs" than midgets. We are confident that our "Midgets" can walk away from any team in Richmond of their size.

Answering the call of Captain Perkinson, several candidates for the base ball team have reported. Some very likely material is on hand, and with a little work and the proper spirit a good team can be made of the youngsters. Of last year's team there are Perkinson, (Capt.), Pillow, Spooner, Potts, and Elliott. Of the new men Collier, at second, and "Dick" Gill, at third, seem to be fixed. In the outfield Potts will hold his own, but the other two positions are not settled.

Our base ball season opened Saturday, March 22nd, with the winning of a double-header from Farmville High

School at Farmville. The boys showed up very well, considering they had practiced only three days. The first game was won in a walk to the tune of 13 to 3, while in the second game we forced only one run across the plate. The final score being 1 to 0 in favor of P. H. S. The latter game, however, lasted only four innings, being called at the end of the fourth to allow our men to catch the train.

Manager Young has completed his schedule, on which several of the best prep. school teams of the State appear. The following is the complete schedule:

April 2. The Individual School, at Petersburg.
April 5. Greensville County High School, at Emporia.
April 9. Chester High School, at Petersburg.
April 12. Open.
April 14. Benedictine College, at Petersburg.
April 19. John Marshall High School, at Petersburg.
April 23. Chester High School, at Chester.
April 26. Greensville County High School, at Petersburg.
April 29. John Marshall High School, at Richmond.
May 3. Blackstone Academy, at Blackstone.
May 6. Benedictine College, at Richmond.
May 10. Farmville High School, at Petersburg.
May 16-17. Farmville High School, at Farmville.
May 21. McGuires University School, at Petersburg (pending).
May 24. Maury High School, at Norfok (pending).

A Few Pointers

A TRUE SOLILOQUY.

Come they slow, or come they fast,
'Tis only exams that come at last.

LABORATORY WORK.

A little bit of calcium,
Or a little bit of zinc,
Stir them in a beaker,
Or mix them in a sink.
And a little acid till the stuff begins to zig,
Then strike a match! and with a pop,
Up goes the whole fool biz.

A little bit of Latin,
And a little bit of French,
Mix them in a cranium
And leave them to ferment.
Add a little English to get the required heat,
Then give exams! and with a bang
The failure is complete.

NOT IN THE WRONG.

"Don't you know that fishing is forbidden in this pond?"

"I'm not fishing; I'm only teaching my worms how to swim."

My. Botts—"I think, my dear, I have at last found the key to success."

"Well, just as likely as not you'll never be able to find the key-hole."

IN CHAPEL.

"Gee whiz! I wonder what he'll make us sing,
I do hope to goodness' 'twon't be the same thing;
Look, will you please, Willie Brown smiled at me;
Just watch that girl sing; yes, she's stuck up as can be;
O, say, did you go to the pictures last night?
Please lend me that mirror, I can't get my hair right;
Well, I wouldn't read at all if I couldn't beat that;
Oh, by the way, have you bought you new hat?
Nine-twenty, and that girl hasn't stopped reading yet!
Dear me! he was looking, he saw me talking, I'll bet."

Sunday School Teacher—"And what happened, Tom my, when the prodical son came home?"

Tommy—"His father ran to meet him and hurt himself."

Teacher—"Why, where did you get that?"

Tommy—"It said his father ran to meet him and fell on his neck. Wouldn't it hurt you to fall on your neck?"

DEAD WRONG.

Jones—"I don't believe you ever did anything in your life by way of provision for a rainy day"

Brown—"You're dead wrong; always get a rain-check for the ball game."

KINDNESS.

A bachelor is a man who loves all women too well to make one of them miserable.

NOT EXACTLY.

The sick man was just coming out of a long delirium. "Where am I?" he asked. "In Heaven?"

"No, dear," cooed his devoted wife, "I am still with you."

Finnegan—"Oh, yes, Oi can understand how thim astronomers can calkilate th' distances av a stharr, its weights, dinsity, and color, and all thot, but th' thing thot gets me is how do they know its name."

ONE TOO MANY.

A young theologian name Fiddle,
Refused to accept his degree;
"For," said he," 'tis enough to be Fiddle,
Without being Fiddle D. D.

WISE.

Teacher: "How many sexes are there?"

Little boy: "Three."

Teacher: "Three! what are they?"

Little boy: "The male sex, the female sex, and the insects.

PROBABLY NOT.

It was at at suffragette meeting. A woman was speaking bitterly of the many rights and privileges which the men enjoyed but which were so unjustly denied to the women.

"Say," broke in a male hearer, tauntingly, in a small, high-pitched voice that sounded well in proportion to his physical make-up, " wouldn't you like to be a man?"

"Yes," replied the woman. "Wouldn't you?"

BETTER THAN NOTHING.

'Tis better to have learned and forgot than never to have learned at all.

Paul (ganz aufgeregt ohne Muetze aus der Schule kommend): "Mutter, Mutter, heute bin ich vom sechzehnten bis auf den fuenfzehnten 'raufgekommen."

"Aber Junge—?"

Paul: "Ja! Es fehlte naemlich einer und da konnten wir alle einen 'raufruecken."

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